

REMARKS

At the outset, the Applicants wish to thank Patent Examiner Irene Marx for the many courtesies extended to the undersigned attorney during the Personal Interview on April 21, 2004. The substance of this Personal Interview is presented in the Examiner Interview Summary, and in this Amendment.

The Patent Examiner has requested in the Interview Summary that copies of Specification pages 8 to 11, 17, 19, 22 and 23 be provided for clarity, wherein the numeral subscripts and superscripts be darkened for purposes of legibility. No new matter has been added.

The amendments to this patent application are as follows. On pages 14 to 15 of the present Specification, the numbers have been corrected to include a comma, or commas, where necessary. In the present Specification, on pages 12, 13, 19 and 20, each trademark has been revised to be written in all capital letters, and where necessary, the active ingredient for the product is listed, for which product the trademark is used.

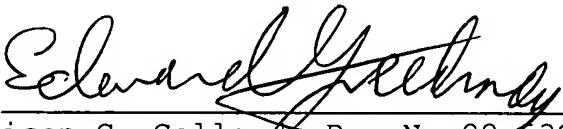
Claim 1 has been amended to cancel the phrase "or enantio-enriched". Claim 1 has been amended to recite "cleaving the dioxolane or oxathiolane ring".. Minor revisions have been made

to claim 2. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to cancel the word "cosolvent" and to replace with the word "solvent". Claim 13 has been amended to cancel the phase "and a solvent".

For all these reasons, the Specification, and all the claims, are now in complete compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112. Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested. A prompt notification of allowability is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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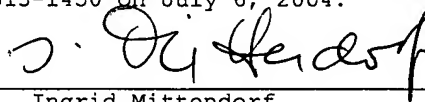
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2) Copy Spec Pages 8 to 11, 17, 19, 22 and 23

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